

In the claims:

Claims 1-15 cancelled.

16. (previously presented) A power tool with at least one handle, said handle comprising at least one grip part that is firmly connected to and firmly held at a mounting part by at least one elastic, vibration-damping element located between the grip part and the mounting part, wherein the grip part is affixed to a housing via the mounting part which is screwed into the housing so that the elastic element is mounted to the housing through the mounting part and also mounted to the grip part; and wherein the connection between the grip part and the mounting part by means of the elastic element is secured by at least one movable retaining element that prevents a separation of the grip part from the housing if the elastic element is damaged and ensures control of the power tool via the grip part at all times.

17. (previously presented) The power tool according to Claim 16,
wherein the retaining element is formed by a flexible component.

18. (previously presented) A power tool with at least one handle, said handle comprising at least one grip part that is firmly

connected to and firmly held at a mounting part by at least one elastic, vibration-damping element, wherein the grip part is affixed to a housing via the mounting part, and

wherein the connection between the grip part and the mounting part by means of the elastic element is secured by at least one movable retaining element, wherein the retaining element is formed by a flexible component, wherein the retaining element is formed by a rope.

19. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 16,

wherein the retaining element is located in the elastic element along a centerline.

20. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 16,

wherein the retaining element, in the installed state, is subjected to tensile stresses, and the elastic element is subjected to compressive stresses.

21. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 16,

wherein the retaining element is formed by a band that encloses the elastic element.

22. (previously presented) The power tool according to Claim 16,

wherein the retaining element is formed by a rigid component that is supported in movable fashion relative to the mounting part.

23. (previously presented) The power tool according to Claim 22,

wherein the retaining element is formed by a rigid component and is firmly supported in the mounting part and movable relative to the grip part.

24. (previously presented) The power tool according to Claim 23,

wherein the retaining element is firmly connected to a fastening screw located in the mounting part.

25. (previously presented) The power tool according to Claim 23,

wherein the retaining element is formed by a screw.

26. (previously presented) The power tool according to Claim 22,

wherein the retaining element is connected to the grip part via the elastic element and to the mounting part via the elastic element.

27. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 21, wherein a maximum displacement of the elastic element is determined by means of the retaining element in at least one tilting direction.

28. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 16, wherein the elastic element comprises a non-circular cross-sectional area at least closely before a seating surface of the elastic element for at least one element, the element being an element selected from the group consisting of the mounting element and the grip part, wherein the cross-sectional area is smaller than the seating surface.

Claims 29-32 cancelled.

33. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 16, wherein the elastic element encloses the retaining element.

34. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 16, wherein the grip part comprises a recess, in which the retaining element is located.

35. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 34, wherein the recess is partially filled with the elastic element.

36. (currently amended) The power tool according to claim 16, wherein by ~~means of~~ the retaining element the grip part is connected to the mounting part in captive fashion.

37. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 34, wherein the retaining element is formed by a screw having a screw head which is larger than the recess.

38. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 34, wherein the elastic element has a flange gripping behind an edge region of the recess.

39. (previously presented) The power tool according to claim 37, wherein the elastic element has a flange preventing a direct contact between the screw head and the grip part.